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SUBJECT: RUMOR THAT BREZHNEV WILL PROPOSE ECONOMIC REFORMS

YUGOSLAV CORRESPONDENT ADVISES THAT AT DECEMBER 13 CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING AND/OR DECEMBER 14 SUPREME SOVIET MEETING,
BREZHNEV MAY MAKE "RADICAL" ECONOMIC PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY

1. LOCAL CORRESPONDENT OF YUGOSLAV JOURNAL POLITIKA, BAJALSKI,
INFORMED POL COUNSELOR DECEMBER 9 THAT POLITBURO MET DECEMBER
9 IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING OF CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER
13 AND SUPREME SOVIET ON DECEMBER 14. CORRESPONDENT STATED
THAT SOME OF HIS SOVIET SOURCES SPECULATE BREZHNEV WILL MAKE
AN IMPORTANT SPEECH CONTAINING "RADICAL" ECONOMIC PORTIONS.
IF SO, BAJALSKI THOUGHT THAT ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SPEECH WOULD
EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF "GROUP B" (PRIMARILY LIGHT AND CONSUMER
ORIENTED) INDUSTRIES AT EXPENSE OF "GROUP A" (HEAVY
INDUSTRY), WOULD FURTHER ENCOURAGE USE OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL
PLOTS AND PERHAPS WOULD PROPOSE THAT GREATER INCENTIVES BE
OFFERED FOR SERVICES. SOURCE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON WHAT THE REPORTED BREZHNEV PROPOSALS MIGHT BE.

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2. WHEN COUNSELOR INQUIRED IF CONCERNS RECENTLY EXPRESSED
BY PROFESSOR VALOVOY IN PRAVDA (MOSCOW A-292) REPRESENTED
FAIRLY WIDESPREAD FEELING AMONG SOVIET ECONOMISTS, BAJALSKI
EMPHATICALLY AGREED, BUT WONDERED WHETHER THE OBVIOUS DEBATE
AT LOWER LEVELS HAS YET HAD SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CONSERVATIVE
POLITIBURO MEMBERS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF ANY REFORM
PROPOSALS AND DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD AT THIS POINT SPECULATE
AS TO THAT MIGHT BE IN THE SPEECH, WHICH WE ASSUME WILL SOON
BE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN IF OUR SOURCE IS CORRECT.
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